



**Yuma County**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Thursday, August 18, 2016**  
**Minutes**

A regular LEPC meeting was held in the Yuma County Public Health Auditorium on August 18, 2016. The meeting was **called to order** at 09:01 a.m. by **Chairman Mario Avalos**, presiding.

**Members Present:**

Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical, Group 5  
Robert Barocio, YPG CBRNE, Group 2  
Tom Batson, American Red Cross, Group 4  
Paige Brooks, Sunland Chemical Co., Group 5  
Shirley Dalton, CERT, Group 4  
Jeff Denman, Citizen, Group 4  
Gary Elk, Western Pre-cooling, Group 5  
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2  
Ann Farley, Hospice of Yuma, Group 2  
Dustin Fields, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2  
Brian Hoon, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 5  
John Mahon, APS, Group 5  
George Scott III, YACS, Group 3  
Frank Venegas, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2

Tony Badilla, Emergency Management Director, Group 2  
Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Dept, Group 2  
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Supervisors, Group 1  
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2  
Ceci Gill, OEM Financial Assistant, Group 2  
Mark Hutsell, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2  
Steve Irr, City of Yuma, Alt to Mayor Nicholls, Group 1  
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5  
Michael LeBrun, Yuma County Public Health, Group 2  
Maria (Patti) Michael, Land O'Lakes Company, Group 5  
Robert Oberosler, Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Group 1  
David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group 5  
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health, Group 2

**Members Absent:**

Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2  
Alfonzo Brown, YPG DPTMS, Group 2  
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5  
Michael Fila, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2  
John Hannon, Rural Metro, Group 2  
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma, Group 2  
Camilo Perez, Cocopah EPO, Group 2  
Charles Ruerup, DPW, YPG, Group 5  
Darren Simmons, YCSO, Group 2  
Sam Yarbrough, YACS, Group 3  
Rudy Wallace, CERT, Group 4  
Denise Whisman, Ferrell Gas, Group 5  
Sheriff Leon Wilmot, YCSO, Group 1

Mike Kemp, Driscolls, Group 5  
Michael Klein, YCIPTA, Alt to Shelly Kreger, Group 2  
Shelly Kreger, YCIPTA, Group 2  
Mayor Douglas J Nicholls, City of Yuma, Group 1  
Marc Holyfield, San Luis Fire Department, Group 2  
Tim Pudleiner, Achieve Human Services, Group 4  
Noel Robles, Shaw Inc., Group 5  
David Rodriguez, Wellton Police Dept, Alt Group 2  
Ray Smith, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2  
Kevin Tunell, Yuma County Communications, Group 3  
Mike Walton, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2  
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Police Department, Group 2

A quorum was present with 27 attendees and all groups represented.

**Introductions:** Members and guests introduced themselves. Guests included:

Tom Ramus, YACS  
Don Black, Bureau of Reclamation  
Bruce Adams, Bureau of Reclamation  
Cori Schultz, Rural Metro

Debra Garcia, Public Health Emergency Preparedness  
Lawrence Ornellas Yuma Cogeneration Associates  
Yvonne Rodriguez, ADEQ  
Sandra Espinoza, AZ DEMA

**Minutes** from June 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved as written, motion made by **Tony Badilla**, **Gary Koehn** seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

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### ***PRESENTATION: ADEQ -EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT by Yvonne Rodriguez***

ADEQ Emergency Response Unit provides technical assistance and is on call 24 hours. Emergency response specialists attend in chemical identification and handling. Perform evaluation of the threat to environment and public safety; and provide guidance in the containment and cleanup methods; and resource identification and location.

**T Badilla** asked to explain ERF Grant. Yvonne Rodriguez commented that the ERF is available for first response agencies, law enforcement and fire department. Grant is primarily for hazard materials equipment. ERF funds will be available September 01, 2016. To meet eligibility, agency or organization need to call in their HazMat releases and be in good standing with LEPC. Henceforth, the procedure will be to submit a prioritized list of equipment/supplies needed in company letterhead to Tony Badilla. Badilla will verify status with LEPC, subsequently; he will forward the request to ADEQ representative.

### ***HMEP GRANT FOR DISCUSSION:***

Information was provided on the funding estimated to be available for the FFY2015 HMEP grant. The committee was advised that remaining funds will be used to send two local firemen to ASTI- 32hr Ammonia Safety Responder Training. Course will be from Sep. 27-30, 2016. FY16/17 grant application has been submitted. The process is changing as the grant funds are being transitioned over to ADEQ. Badilla stated that he is hoping to send more firemen to trainings pending funds for this new fiscal year's grant.

### ***MEMBERSHIP STATUS***

#### ***Approval of Renewals***

There were none at this time.

#### ***Introduction of potential members; possible action on Membership Applications***

- Lawrence Ornellas, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group V
- Debra Garcia, Yuma County Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Group II

#### ***Approval of Designated Alternate***

- Debra Garcia, YCPHEP, Alternate to Michelle Smith

Upon a motion made by **T Badilla** and a second by **T Batson**, the membership applications of Lawrence Ornellas and Debra Garcia were approved.

#### ***Approval of Resignation***

- Mike LeBrun

Upon motion duly made by **T Badilla**, **M Erfert** seconded and unanimously approved that this committee accepts the resignation of Mike Lebrun effective August 31, 2016.

### ***NEW BUSINESS- Discussion and Possible Action:***

**Visitor Introduction:** Tony Badilla introduced Sandra Espinoza, South Region Field Coordinator for Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). Espinoza explained her primary function is to support and work directly with the county and tribal emergency managers during an incident or assisting in regular training activities.

**September is National Preparedness Month:** Badilla announced September 6<sup>th</sup>, Yuma County Board of Supervisors will be proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month.

***OLD BUSINESS- Discussion and Possible Action:***

Tony Badilla thanked everyone involved and collaboration while he attended a Bi-National training in Emmitsburg, and asked everyone using WebEOC to sign on since it now has a new update.

***CHAIR STATUS REPORT, Chairman Mario Avalos***

No report at this time.

***GOOD of the ORDER -Announcements***

**G Koehn** brought to the attention of upcoming 2016 Paradigm Pipeline Emergency Response event. **T Batson** from American Red Cross indicated that his agency will be participating in their Pillowcase presentation for children. **S Dalton** announced that in September 13-15, CERT will be conducting their Basic Training. **M Erfert** highlighted a safety messaging for September being preparedness month; they are continuing to provide CPR training/classes to organizations at no cost. Also, August is “drowning awareness” month, and emphasized the importance of CPR. October is fire prevention, and invited the community to their Oct. 15 “Fire Dept. Open House” event. **BOR** will have a HazMat (Ammonia/Chlorine Release) Tabletop at the desalting plant on September 27<sup>th</sup>. **M Smith** announced a blood drive hosted by American Red Cross on Sep. 30 & Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at Civic Center. **R Barocio** pointed out that his organization will be performing the Earthquake shakeout for Price Elementary School, and was requesting assistance since they will be short-staffed. YPG will also have their Activate Shooter TTX on Oct.

***Call to the Public***

**G Scott** highlighted that next meeting Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is “the Great Shakeout” and encourages everyone to participate.

***Adjourn***

Upon motion by chairman M Avalos and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Yuma County Public Health Auditorium, 2200 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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